



2020 Legislative Platform Proposal

St. Johns County School Board Meeting

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State Funding

- Maintain the fiscal year 2019-20 Required Local Effort rate, resulting in an increase in the Base Student Allocation (BSA)
- Provide greater flexibility in the use of Safe Schools funds
- Support additional funding and programmatic opportunities for VPK and early learning programs



State Funding (cont'd)

- Support increased funding of the Mental Health Assistance Allocation in order to provide additional student access to school mental health services
- Provide increased capital funding to assist in meeting the unique needs of high-growth school districts
- Support full funding for the transportation of students residing 1.5 miles and farther from school



State Policy

- Provide flexibility to schools boards with capital outlay revenue for new school construction by excluding local capital outlay revenue sources from the statutory per student station cost caps
- Support parity for district virtual programs by allowing them to operate with the same calendar freedom as Florida Virtual School by ensuring consistency in funding throughout both the regular and summer terms



State Policy (cont'd)

- Expand opportunities for advanced degree supplements to be granted by school districts for a Master's degree earned in classroom oriented, student centered general education majors, such as Curriculum and Instruction or Teaching and Learning
- Eliminate any lengthy delay or penalty for the re-employment of high-quality personnel after retirement



Federal Policy

- Support the repeal of federal sequestration for education programs
- Support an increase in federal dollars for mental health and school safety
- Support an increase in federal dollars to fully fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to its authorized level

